

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A method for drilling and lining a subsea well,

~~characterised in comprising:~~

drilling a subsea bore;

pre-installing at the bore site at least one liner with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of a drilling riser not yet installed; ~~at a point below the substantial part of the drilling riser;~~

installing the drilling riser;

drilling a bore hole section after the drilling riser has been installed, the bore hole section having a larger diameter than the at least one pre-installed liner[.]; and

lowering the at least one pre-installed liner into the bore hole section.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in~~ the least one liner being pre-installed below a well head.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in comprising:~~

lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in comprising:~~

pre-installing at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner below the least one liner.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system for a subsea well, comprising a subsea well bore, a subsea well head, a subsea surface casing, a drill string, an expandable drill bit, _s ~~[and]] a drilling riser, characterised in~~ and at least one liner with a larger

external diameter than the substantial part of ~~[[a]]~~ the drilling riser, the liner being pre-installed in a position below a substantial part of the drilling riser; the expandable drill bit being adapted for insertion through the at least one liner, expansion below the at least one liner, and drilling of a bore hole section adapted to receive the at least one liner.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system for a subsea well, comprising a subsea well bore, a subsea well head, a surface casing, a drill string, a drill bit, ~~[[and]]~~ a drilling riser, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n- a-n-d~~ at least one liner with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of ~~[[a]]~~ the drilling riser being pre-installed in a position below a substantial part of the drilling riser; the drill bit having a diameter larger than the at least one liner and being pre-installed below the at least one liner, and the drill bit being adapted for drilling of a bore hole section adapted to receive the at least one liner.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ comprising at least two said pre-installed liners ~~are pre-installed~~, wherein a first liner with a larger diameter is receiving a second liner with a smaller diameter in its interior.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, comprising ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ a temporary sealing between the at least one liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, wherein ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ said at least one liner comprises a pre-installed expandable liner and a pre-installed expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of the pre-installed expandable liner.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A drilling and liner system according to claim 5, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical

ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger, and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, comprising:

~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~

lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, comprising:

~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~

pre-installing at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner below the least one liner.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 7, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 6, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ ~~that at least two said liners are pre-installed, wherein~~ comprising a first liner with a larger diameter is receiving a second liner with a smaller diameter in its interior.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 14, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

Claim 16. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 6, comprising

~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ a temporary sealing between the at least one liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 6, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ said at least one liner ~~e-o-m-p-r-i-s-e-s~~ comprising an a pre-installed expandable liner and a pre-installed expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of the pre-installed expandable liner.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 6, ~~e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-s-e-d-i-n-~~ having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger, and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.

Claim 19. (New) The drilling and liner system of claim 5, said liner being pre-installed within the surface casing.

Claim 20. (New) The drilling and liner system of claim 6, said liner being pre-installed within the surface casing.